

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Stephan NEES et al.

Entitled: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRESERVING THE ENDOTHELIUM IN  
ISOLATED HOLLOW ORGANS AND BIOLOGICAL VESSELS

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby petition that the period for replying to the Office Action mailed **January 5, 2009** be extended for three months, from **February 5, 2009** to on or before **May 5, 2009**. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the large entity fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (a) of \$1,110.00 to the undersigned's Credit Account. The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any other fees necessary to maintain the pendency of this application and to credit any overpayments to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-2101.

Respectfully submitted,

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